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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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FILE:

Office: LOS ANGELES

Date:

IN RE:

Obligor:

Bonded Alien

IMMIGRATION BOND:

Bond Conditioned for the Voluntary Departure under § 240B of the

Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1229c

ON BEHALF OF OBLIGOR:

Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Director Administrative Appeals Office **DISCUSSION:** The voluntary departure bond in this matter was declared breached by the Field Office Director, Detention and Removal, Los Angeles, California, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The record indicates that on February 12, 2001, the obligor posted a \$500.00 bond conditioned for her voluntary departure. An order of the immigration judge dated February 5, 2001, was issued granting the alien voluntary departure in lieu of removal on or before March 7, 2001. The alien did not appeal. On March 14, 2003, the field office director concluded the bond had been breached. The alien has failed to depart.

On appeal, the obligor requests the opportunity to remain in the United States due to humanitarian reasons.

8 C.F.R. § 1240.26(c)(3) provides that in order for the voluntary departure bond to be canceled, the alien must provide proof of departure to the field office director.

No satisfactory evidence has been introduced into the record to establish the alien made a timely departure. The service of a notice to surrender or the presence of a certified mail receipt is not required in voluntary departure bond proceedings.

Voluntary departure bonds are exacted to ensure that aliens will depart when required in lieu of removal. Such bonds are necessary in order for ICE to function in an orderly manner. After a careful review of the record, it is concluded that the alien failed to depart by the stipulated time, the conditions of the bond have been substantially violated, and the collateral has been forfeited. The decision of the field director will not be disturbed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.